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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: **PORTABLE COT APPARATUS**

Group Art Unit: 3628

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS**

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the New Claims **46-53** as follows:

46. (New) A stacking cot system comprising;
- a plurality of portable cots wherein each cot comprises:
- a. a stackable frame comprising;
- i. four rail sections; and
- ii. four connectors for connecting the four rail sections, wherein each of the four connectors has a top horizontal opening for receiving a connector of a next stacked cot and a bottom vertical opening for receiving an extension leg; and
- b. a flexible support having a detachable fastener for removably and selectively coupling the flexible support to the stackable frame, the detachable fastener having fastener portions attached along an edge of the flexible support such that the flexible support is removably and selectively coupled to the stackable frame by wrapping the flexible support around at least one of the four of rail sections and interlocking the fastener portions